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TO : Chief, Foreign Division  
FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe  
SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational  
SPECIFIC— Operation V-12015 (P) of BV C  
REF: MGL-A-6274

DATE: 30 April 1951

1. On 3 March 1951 V-12013 and V-12041 jointly recruited V-12015 (P) of BV C. (The P indicates that V-status is provisional; when the agent has attained full agent status, the P will be dropped and the number will remain the same.) V-12013 had known V-12015 (P), as well as his entire family, since the days when both were boys; in fact, both came from the same small town. Both are Sudeten Germans. After their expulsion from the CSR they maintained contact.

2. Until 1949 V-12015 (P) was engaged in making illegal border crossings into the CSR. He has good connections with Czechs. It is intended to use him to build a border-crossing point and to serve thereafter as a courier.

3. The following persons are involved in this operation:

*Josef KURT MERR*

a. V-12041, leader of BV 8, who is in charge of the operation.

b. V-12013, who recruited V-12015 (P). V-12013, whose cover name is Andreas WOFER, first appears in MGL-A-4754 (Project 134). He was recruited by BV C (BV 8) in March 1951; his sole assignment is spade-work on the building of border-crossing points from Bavaria into the CSR.

c. V-12015 (P), the principal agent in this operation.

d. 39/I - 268.1 (temporary designation only), who is to serve as a support-point for the activities of V-12015 (P). 39/I - 268.1 has been a friend of the daughter of V-12015 (P) since 1944; in 1947 and again in 1948, 39/I - 268.1 made illegal crossings into Germany to visit V-12015 (P). On 30 March 1951 V-12013 and V-12015 (P) met 39/I - 268.1 at a pre-arranged meeting on the border by night.

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e. 39/I - 268.2 (temporary designation only) is also to serve as a support-point for this crossing-point. 39/I - 268.2 is the trustee for the former business of V-12015 (P). The connection between the two men is good; the last letter exchanged between them is dated 20 November 1950. V-12015 (P) will attempt to recruit 39/I - 268.2.

4. The following characterizations of V-12015 (P) have been furnished by CV C:

*Josef Kurt MERS*

a. V-12011, whose impressions resulted from the one meeting held on 3 March 1951, considers V-12015 (P) an upright, decent person who has conspiratorial ability and a sense of reality. He is, according to V-12011, comradely, discreet, careful, and prepared to undertake the risks of commitment. A wily businessman, he is very materialistic. Courage, steadfast pursuit of a purpose, and presence of mind are all strong attributes of his character. He would be without scruples if endangered. He drinks scarcely at all and smokes a normal amount.

b. V-12013, who has known V-12015 (P) since childhood, says that he comes from a good and decent family who formerly lived in circumstances of economic security. When relating past events, he is decidedly inclined to exaggerate, so that his assertions are by no means reliable. As an aid to border-crossers, however, he is thoroughly reliable and secure; he always brings the people who have entrusted themselves to him to the pre-determined point, and does so cautiously. As a friend he is reliable and loyal. It is necessary to be cautious in expressing differences of opinion to him because he is by nature a brawler: physically agile, quick with his fists, the dare-devil type.

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